

# News Review

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## Delegate J. Hubbard Seeks Changes To Prince George's School Board

by James Giese

Delegate James Hubbard harshly criticized the Prince George's County Board of Education in a talk on legislative issues given to the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club on January 19. Hubbard has introduced two bills in the legislature to change the way in which school board members are chosen.

One bill (PG 414-01) calls for the appointment by the governor of seven members, each from a separate district, plus a student member elected by the county's regional association of student governments as is currently done. The new board would begin on July 1, 2002 and members would serve 5-year terms. The gubernatorial appointments would be selected from a list of two candidates for each district nominated by the county executive and confirmed by the county council. There are presently nine board members and a student representative.

The other bill (PG 415-01) calls for a nine-member board of which four would be elected at-large and five would be elected from districts. There would also be a student representative. Terms of the board members would be for four years and all members would be elected at the same time beginning with the general election in November, 2002.

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A third bill introduced by Hubbard calls for the establishment of a 16-member task force to consider the future governance, fiscal responsibility and autonomy of the county board of education. The members would be two delegates, two senators, and one representative each of the county executive, the county council, the school board, the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce, the Prince George's County Educators Association and the Association of Supervisory and Administrative School Personnel. The other six would be members of the general public with one member each appointed by the county's delegation to the house, its delegation to the senate, the president of the county Parent-Teacher Association, the county council, the county executive and the superintendent of schools. After holding at least four public forums, the task force is to submit its report by December 29, 2001.

### Dysfunctional

In beginning his remarks about his proposed legislation, Hubbard stated that there was a "dysfunction" on the school board. It allowed the superintendent to drop bombshells on the board and get away with it, he claimed. "She is picking them off one by one."

Hubbard alleged that the school board spent its time in backrooms discussing how to

divy up new schools among the districts and the transfers of principals.

Hubbard also faulted the board for having a \$2.1 million budget for board expenses without accountability. He claimed that it has the highest budget of any school board in the state and that the board members were also the highest paid in the state. Noting the problems with some school board members exceeding their budget allotments, Hubbard claimed that the board had resolved the matter by putting all the expense money in one big pot so that no individual member would have to abide by a budget.

### Alternatives

As to his two proposals for the board selection, Hubbard explained that he had put them forth without expressing favor so that others could express themselves on what should be done. He told the audience that about half the counties in the state have school boards appointed by the governor. He noted that since he had made these proposals, he was able to speak to School Superintendent Iris T. Metts when he gave her a call, although half the school board would no longer speak to him. He said that school board members had come before the Prince George's delegation in opposition to the bill. It upset Hubbard that

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## Senator Green Introduces Bill To Study Purchase of Theater

by Virginia Beauchamp

State Senator Leo Green has introduced a bill in the current legislative session authorizing a \$25,000 expenditure in the form of a grant to the city of Greenbelt toward acquisition and planning for the renovation of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. According to the bill (SB150), Greenbelt would have to provide matching funds. Or would also be required to grant and convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

The bill was introduced for first reading with the Senator's Budget and Taxation Committee. It follows the city's approach to Senator Green at the time of the annual dinner with the state delegation.

For some time the city has been in discussion with George Christacos, owner of the buildings in the Roosevelt Center, concerning the possible acquisition of the theater. However, a number of construction and zoning issues need resolution. By modern-day zoning requirements, parking for the theater is patently inadequate. In addition, the building's current condition violates safety codes.

Both issues may be eased to some extent, however, if a new state program called "Smart Codes for Smart Growth" goes into effect. Governor Parris Glendening, a strong advocate for preserving and rehabilitating older communities as a means of controlling urban sprawl, has spearheaded development of a new rehabilitation code permitting less stringent regulations for historic buildings and other older structures. Such a code would also relax mandated parking regulations around such sites.

Many structural issues concerning the theater building also need serious attention if the theater is to continue to operate. These were spelled out in a report prepared for the city last June by James Sterling, supervisory inspector in the city's Department of Planning and Development.

They include correction of property maintenance violations—an estimated \$14,300—plus more serious alterations that could be required if a change in ownership occurs. A "ball park cost estimate" for these latter changes could run as high as \$124,250. The total predicted cost estimates

for the renovation work amount to some \$250,000, according to the memo prepared for Senator Leo Green and Delegates James Hubbard, Mary Conway and Joan Pitkin.

Calling the theater "a key component to the economic vitality of Roosevelt Center" and "one of its jewels," the memo notes that if the city acquires the property, it would "need help to fund the renovation work," either with a bond bill or other source. In such a case the acquisition itself would serve as the city's match.

### Metes and Bounds

How can the theater itself—"one tenant space" — be separated out from the building in which it is contained? That is the first question addressed in Sterling's report. "[A] new metes and bounds would have to be done," the report says, "if the building is to be subdivided into

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### What Goes On

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m. City Council worksession with Pepco/PSC on Electrical Outages. Council Chambers

## Legislators "Open Door" On Varied Local Issues

by Barbara Bonham Young

Vexation with the School Board and aspects of the proposed development at Metro as well as strong opposition to the use of public money for private schools were among views expressed at the January 20 "open door" meeting held by 23rd District legislators. Delegate Mary Conroy also made a dire prediction about the coming cost of electricity.

Attending the meeting were State Senator Leo Green, Conroy and fellow delegates Jim Hubbard and Joan Pitkin. Participating from the audience of about 50 were Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Thomas White and Alan Turnbull.

Davis opened the meeting by expressing thanks to the legislators, especially for bond issues that helped create the Community Center. She mentioned that current Greenbelt needs include schools, traffic improvement, innovative programs for youth, assistance-in-living programs for seniors, alternative transportation needs such as bike lanes, and environmental issues. "We like to watchdog those [environmental] areas," she said. Turnbull and White joined in the expression of appreciation.

Residents Janet Jacobs-Parker and Sylvia Lewis spoke strongly against using public money for private schools, noting that the governor's budget contains funds for both books and computers for private schools. Councilmember Alan Turnbull joined in the opposition. He

also said a new study on computers in schools finds "there is virtually nothing known of the value of these machines for education." Jacobs-Parker spoke in support of Delegate Hubbard's bill (HB 105), which provides scholarship funds for people who promise to teach in public schools for two years.

### School Board Criticized

The delegation was united in criticism of the School Board and its superintendent. Senator Green said that the School Board is accountable to the County Council and that the County Executive has limited ability to control it. He also said the delegation hopes to address the problems. "There's an 'entitlement' attitude on the school board," said Delegate Pitkin. Turnbull stressed that the School Board must be made accountable. Resident Esther Webb requested a study of the effectiveness of appointed vs. elected school boards.

### Deaf Requests

Representing the Maryland Association for the Deaf, Tim Albert of College Park and Christy Merriweather of Greenbelt appealed for creation of a separate state office for deaf people. Merriweather also stressed that area businesses need to become more aware of the problems of deaf people, citing as examples their inability to use a restaurant drive-through, and the fact that apartments lack special signaling devices to warn of fire. Delegate Conroy suggested the delegation might speak to the governor for a

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## Park Trust Is Interested In Purchase of Jaeger Tract

by Diane Oberg

What can the city do to help preserve the undeveloped portions of the Jaeger Tract adjacent to Greenbelt Park? At a January 17 worksession, the Greenbelt City Council explored one possible option, forming a "Friends of Greenbelt Park" organization under the auspices of the National Park Service to raise money and to partner with the National Park Trust to help the Park Service obtain the land. Susan Hawley,

vice president for Programs of the National Park Trust, told council that her organization is a private land conservancy that purchases land then donates it to the park service.

The organization often does not purchase the land on its own. Instead, it partners with other organizations to raise funds, then leverages those funds to raise more money from, for example, foundations and federations. She said that acquiring the undeveloped portions of the Jaeger Tract for Greenbelt Park fits well with one of her organization's goals: protecting parks from urban sprawl.

Before her organization can help, the National Park Service must first write a letter saying that the property is a priority and asking the trust's help. In addition, local groups must be willing to help raise money. The trust does not accept money directly from any level of government but could accept funds from a private group to which the city had contributed.

One way to do this would be to form a "Friends of Greenbelt Park." Fred Cunningham of the National Park Service was very open to this idea. Given its limited funds, the National Parks-East is partnering with outside organizations to accomplish its goals. For example, when high costs threatened the Fort DuPont Ice Arena, a "Friends" group was formed that attracted corporate sponsors and raised enough funds to eliminate any need for park funds. In other cases, a friends group raises funds for supplies and park service staff provide the labor for maintenance or improvements. The park service has

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### Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

## HUBBARD

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none expressed any concern that children were not getting a quality education in the county.

Hubbard claims that he has also received expressions of support. The stronger support appears to be for the bill calling for four at-large and five district school board members. For that bill, he finds support to be about four-to-one in favor of the bill. For the bill to appoint the members, he found support to be about 50-50.

Gil Weidenfeld asked whether Hubbard had considered a proposal to appoint (rather than elect) four at-large members and electing five from districts. Weidenfeld noted that it would be very costly for anyone to run a county-wide campaign for the school board and that such a proposal could provide a balance between the interests of the districts and the needs of the entire county without candidates having to raise large amounts of cam-



Delegate James Hubbard

paign funds. Hubbard lamented how much money he had to raise in running for the House of Delegates, and agreed that Weidenfeld's proposal was an alternative that could be considered.

### Teacher Scholarships

Hubbard also referred to another proposal of his to provide teacher scholarships. He felt permitting retired teachers to come back to teach was a good way to help get more teachers when they are scarce, but that its impact was only short term. His proposal would enable students wanting to become teachers to get full scholarships with the commitment that they would have to teach two years for every year of the scholarship they received.

### City Issues

In introducing Hubbard, Mayor Judith Davis said that hearings had been held before the bi-county delegation on two bills introduced by Hubbard on behalf of Greenbelt and other municipalities. One would give the city full zoning authority within the city. The other would give the city the power to perform landscape plan review on new developments. This authority would be added to the site plan review authority previously obtained from the legislature and would be another step in the piece-meal approach to the city's efforts to obtain its own planning and zoning authority. While the zoning authority bill "went down the tubes" according to Davis, there was hope for getting the landscape review bill enacted.

### M-NCPPC Criticized

Hubbard later told the group that there was a chance for the landscape architecture bill. He said that the other bill was not dead yet, although he expected it would be killed in the near future. Greenbelt's supporters in the legislature have to pick off planning and zoning authority piece by piece, he said. Hubbard criticized the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for being under the influence of developers and accused its planners of changing figures to suit their needs.

Davis also noted that legislation was pending for state bond issues to assist the city in enlarging the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, and to buy the theater (if the city decides to buy it). These bills were put in by Senator Leo Green.

She also said that the deal has been signed for the developers of Metroland to sell the state 111 acres of environmentally sensitive land, but criticized the proposal because if Metroland is not developed, the owners would have to buy the land back from the state. However, she said that she did not want to see the purchase "go down."

### Education, DWI

The Democratic Club took positions on two legislative matters, but only after listening to Hubbard's views on the two proposals. Hubbard supported the positions that were proposed to be taken. The club is against using public funds to support private education in any form. Last year, and again this year, the governor has proposed financial assistance to private schools for the purchase of reading materials.

The club supports reducing the alcohol limit for DWI (driving while intoxicated) to .08 percent from .10 percent. Unless Maryland tightens this standard, it will lose federal monies. Hubbard also noted that Maryland has another charge, DUI (driving under the influence of alcohol) which is a lesser charge with only a short suspension of driving privileges as a punishment. He said that a driver can refuse to be tested for alcohol, and if so, the driver can only be charged with DUI.

## Letter

### Thanks

I want to thank all my friends who offered up prayers for me, sent get well wishes and phone calls. I appreciate it all. With all these prayers I know it will help me get better.

Vita Pergola

### New Deal's Numbers In Hand, Reported

In the News Review's January 18 edition an article "Financial and Other Problems could close New Deal's Doors" stated that I became the organization's treasurer in October and that I "... did not yet have firm figures on the state of the New Deal's finances."

As of my interview with the reporter, those statements were accurate; however, they possibly give the impression of some sort of lack of understanding on my part. I would like to inform your readers that I did not receive most of the New Deal's financial information until well into January 2001. I can assure the readers that as of January 18, I had received what I believe to be all of that information, which I analyzed and presented to the New Deal's Board of Directors at their January 21 meeting.

Marsha Voigt,  
treasurer  
New Deal Cafe

### Visit an Exhibit Of Burmese Photos

Visit "Burma, Something Went Wrong," an exhibition of photographs by Chan Chao. The exhibit will take place in the art gallery, 1202 Art-Sociology Building, University of Maryland, College Park. The exhibit will be open from January 25 through March 3. The gallery will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be a reception for the artist on Thursday, February 1 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be a panel discussion on Thursday, February 15, from 1:30 until 3:30 p.m. Speakers will include Chan Chao, Phillip Brookman, and John Gossage. The moderator will be Scott Habes.



### Volunteer Needed for Focus Group

The State Highway Administration (SHA) is establishing a citizen's focus group for the I-95/I-495 Greenbelt Metro Access Study. This is a study of possible improvements (e.g., additional ramps) to the beltway interchange at the Greenbelt Metro Station. This focus group will help identify local concerns and issues associated with the proposals developed by SHA staff.

The Greenbelt City Council is seeking a citizen volunteer to nominate to join this task force. It is anticipated that the focus group will begin meeting soon. If you would like to be considered for this task force, please submit a letter of interest, no later than February 1, to Kathleen Gallagher, City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 20770. If you have any questions please contact the City Offices at 301-474-8000.

## The Old Curmudgeon

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CHOCOLATE



"I had a chocolate fudge sundae and all I got was indigestion!"

### NIH Seeks Clients For Speech Therapy

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking adults and children age five or older who stutter or have family speech disorders for an experimental study of the causes of these speech disorders. The study takes place at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda. The NIH researchers offer speech, voice, and language testing at no charge. All studies are carried out under U.S. Department of Health and Human Services safety and testing standards. There are no study-related costs to participants. NIH provides payment for those who take part.

For information, call 1-800-411-1222.

### City Notes

The week of January 15, the horticulture crew planted rose bushes on Hanover Parkway at Hunting Ridge and removed bushes at Springhill Lake Recreation Center for installation of a sidewalk. The crew also removed a dead tree near the Springhill Lake Recreation building and a dead cherry tree behind the garages in Roosevelt Center. They also began cleaning along the path through the woods near Woodland Way.

The special details crew continued re-laying the bricks in the tree pits at Roosevelt Center.



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## FOGT to Hold January Meeting

The Friends of the Old Greenbelt Theatre (FOGT) will hold a meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Some topics that will be discussed are an Oscar night party, new seats, and more Saturday showings of local independent films. Everyone is welcome.

## Recreation Review

One-week Spring and Arts and Action camps will be offered April 9 to 13, when schools are out for spring recess. Registration begins on Thursday, February 1 at the Youth Center and Community Center. Each program has extended care hours available at a supplemental cost to the regular camp fee.

Bad weather is possible, so call the Recreation Department's Weather and Information hotline for updates on class cancellations and delays. Call 301-474-5525.

## Learn How to Help With Homework

Parents and caregivers of school-age children are invited to register for a free workshop that will provide them with the knowledge, tools and confidence to help their children succeed in understanding and tackling homework assignments.

"Parent Empowerment: Quest for Homework Success" will be offered at the Greenbelt Library, 11 Crescent Road, on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Parents attending the workshops will gain the ability to better articulate and ask pertinent questions of both their children and their children's teachers, and to make better use of public library resources.

The workshops are funded by the Maryland State Department of Education through a Library Services and Training Act grant. This training came about as a result of a 1996-97 study by Transform Inc., which showed that 87.6 percent of the questions children ask information specialists in Maryland public libraries are related to school assignments. Libraries surveyed, including the Prince George's County Memorial Library System, said the most notable impediment to staff answering children's reference questions is the inability of either the parent or child to articulate school assignments.

For more information on the workshop and to register, call the Greenbelt Library at 301-345-5800.



## Channel B-10 Schedule Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV

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Tuesday & Thursday, January 30 & February 1  
6:00pm "Perils for Pedestrians"  
6:30pm "ACE Reading Program-Springhill Lake Elementary"  
7:00pm "People and Places with Senator Leo Green"  
7:30pm "Open Door Meeting with Senator Leo Green and Delegates Conroy, Pitkin and Hubbard" (replay)

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Wednesday & Friday, Call for Schedule

# Community Events

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, January 30, 7 p.m.  
Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, February 1, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Adult Programs

Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. Parent Empowerment: Quest for Homework Success.

## Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the January 17 birthday party. Florence Holly led members in prayer and read an article, "Cramming for Finals," from the book, "Chicken Soup for the Soul."

The Sunshine Committee report was read by Ruth Huggins in the absence of Betty Petroff. Betty sent a get-well card to Betty Maher, who is recovering from surgery. Cards can be sent to Betty Maher's home address, 9A Hillside Road.

John Taylor, Travel chair, reported that the February 16 trip to the Kennedy Center has been filled.

Ernie Varda, Membership chair, reported there are 227 members, of which 75 are Honorary — 80-plus years of age. Average weekly attendance at meetings is slightly over 50 members.

Ellie Rimar read the January birthday poem written by Joe Rimar. Birthday celebrants present were Irene Lipper, Tom Moran, Rose Haber, Ruth Huggins and Ernie Varda. Irene Lipper won the birthday drawing. Rimar welcomed new member Jackie Rochefort. The 50/50 drawing was won by Harold Miller and Jackie Rochefort.

The speaker on January 31 will be Tom Fields speaking on Iwo Jima.

## See "Separate Tables" At Community Center

by Martha Kaufman

The movie of the month, "Separate Tables" will be shown on Monday, February 12 at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center.

The film takes place at a British seaside resort. It has an all-star cast including Burt Lancaster, David Niven, Rita Hayworth, Deborah Kerr, Wendy Hiller and Gladys Cooper. Niven and Kerr both won Academy Awards for their roles in the movie.

## Greenbelt CARES

The week of January 15, Teresa Smithson and Robyn Strauss, crisis intervention teacher, began two new peer leadership development groups for fourth grade students at Greenbelt Elementary School. The group members will learn social skills to enhance classroom performance, and provide positive role models for their peers.

Judy Hering conducted registration for the winter session GED course on Tuesday, January 16. The course is held for 10 weeks, every Tuesday and Thursday, with GED I from 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. and GED II from 1 to 3 p.m. The course addresses needs of the adult learner seeking a high school diploma. Six students were enrolled.

## ERHS Stages "The Music Man"

"Friends, May I have your Attention Please?" You think "Ya Got Trouble," there's trouble at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The story of "The Music Man" follows the fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill (James Gardiner), as he cons the people of River City into believing that he is going to create a boys' band. He plans to leave town with the cash, but his plan changes when he falls head over heels for the town librarian (Nicole Vadala).

ERHS students have been working since late November to bring this production to life, creating quirky characters, uplifting dances and a one-of-a-kind set. Greenbelt residents Mauno Kork, Alex Murrell, Blaistie Philips, Crystal Sermons and Kelly Vaden are part of the cast. Lucas Crowley, the juvenile star of the show in the role of Winthrop Paroo, is also a Greenbelt resident.

This production will have a live orchestra (ERHS music students). Meredith Wilson's "The Music Man" will be on stage February 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and February 4 at 2:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

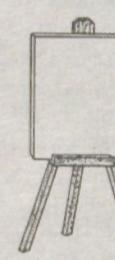
## Explore the Olympics

Dr. Lee Vander Velden from the University of Maryland's Department of Kinesiology will be the speaker at "Explorations Unlimited" on Friday, February 2, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the senior classroom of the Greenbelt Community Center. Dr. Vander Velden will speak on the findings of his research on consumer behavior regarding the Olympic Games. This research was comprised of six separate studies, beginning with the 1922 Winter Games and concluding with the 2000 Summer Games. His talk will focus on gender differences in the motives prompting viewer interest in the Games: a general interest in the Games, interest in sport, interest in the athletes, and nationalism.

For information call 301-397-2208.

## Arts 'N' Action Camp

Arts 'N' Action Camp is a week-long spring camp that takes place at the Greenbelt Community Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All campers must be in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Before care and after care are available for an additional fee. The camp focuses on cooperation and teamwork through art, sports, and other fun activities. Registration begins on February 1. For information call 301-397-2208.



## GHI Notes

The Architectural & Environmental Committee will meet January 31 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Finance Committee will meet February 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

Regular Board meetings for the month will be held on February 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Members are encouraged to attend.

## Ellen Baer to Talk On Color and Light

On Sunday, February 4, Artful Afternoon will feature "Exploring Color and Light," paintings by Ellen Baer, assistant to the Community Center arts coordinator.

The art reception will begin at noon in the Community Center gallery. From 1 to 1:30 p.m., Baer will speak about her modern abstract expressionist paintings with Harry Appelman on jazz piano, joined by a bassist from 1:30 to 2. The public is invited to participate in arts activities from 2:30 to 3:30.

From noon to 5 p.m., muralist Dan Kennedy, artist-in-residence, will be available to critique paintings and sculpture produced by community artists.

The afternoon event is free and open to the public.

### The Music Man

Friday February 2 at 7:30pm

Saturday February 3 at 7:30pm

Sunday February 4 at 2:30pm

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Eleanor Roosevelt High School

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(PG-13)

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**OPEN DOOR**

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supplemental budget item to create a new office.

**Prediction about Electricity Costs**

Webb, asked about the deregulation of electricity. Replying, Conroy stated flatly, "This is the worst thing that has ever happened to the state of Maryland," predicting "when the cap goes off in five years, costs are going to go up greatly." Conroy also noted that the entire delegation had voted against the deregulation bill, which Green declared was "weighted for the business community." He voiced the hope that, in future, Greenbelt can purchase electricity for the town as a whole.



New resident Vernon Crenshaw addressing the legislators.

-photo by J. Parker

**Metro Development**

Kate Spencer, former president of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC), said the group is getting conflicting reports about plans for Metro development. While expressing pleasure that the state is purchasing 75 acres of land, she objected to the land purchase being made contingent on development going ahead. She asked how the terms of the state's agreement could be changed. In response, Senator Green stated that he did not know anything about the agreement, but "the governor has promised to look at more open space funds for the Smith property."

Turnbull said he wanted to remind legislators that "Greenbelt is very pro-development where it's appropriate," and said that development at the Metro should be within walking distance of the train platform. He reiterated support for pedestrian- and bicycle-oriented transportation.

White expressed concern about both the developers' and WMATA's plans, telling the legislators, "You need to be clear about the plans for a 'big box' store: Park and Planning asked the developers what their plan was, and the developers withdrew plans for a 'big box.' It's just a charade, a threat of the developers..."

"Another stealth part of this exercise," he added, "is that WMATA entered into an agreement with the developer, and we don't even know now who the developer is. The community doesn't have access to WMATA plans." Summing up, he said, "We asked the governor to

preserve an area that deserves conservation.... There is so much about this development proposal that is a mess, and all we want is for the public interest to be served."

Current CCRIC President Pat Blankenship pointed out that the



New resident Sylvia Miller speaking her views.

-photo by J. Parker

proposed development is not just a local issue since the site is in the Anacostia River and Chesapeake Bay watersheds. Development will cause serious flooding downstream, she noted.

**Voting Machines**

Resident Charles Hendricks inquired if action would be taken to eliminate punch-card voting. Delegate Hubbard said Maryland has used up all the federal money for voting machines; Senator Green said there will be universal voting machines throughout the state, but not for a couple of years. Mayor Davis pointed out that the voting machines in Greenbelt are even older than the punch card machines.

**Other Remarks**

Ruth Bond requested support for legislation to alter the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights so as to include, among other things, more citizen input concerning internal investigation of officers. She noted that taxpayers are paying out millions to settle lawsuits arising from police actions.

Chris Cherry expressed disappointment that there was no legislation for gay citizens and said he wants it to come to the floor for a vote.

Konrad Herling described the successful revitalization-through-the-arts efforts of Providence, RI, and mentioned tax exemptions and new revenue benefits flowing from such initiatives. Delegate Pitkin noted that in the Providence case, developers were given a series of incentives to revitalize properties that had been taken off the tax rolls.

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The University of Maryland Chorus and music director, Edward Maclay announce community member auditions, January 26, 27 and 28. The spring season features Paul Traver conducting Handel's two final dramatic English oratorios, "Theodora" and "Jephtha," with the Smithsonian Chamber Orchestra. Auditions take place at the University of Maryland, College Park campus. Call 301-405-5571 to schedule an audition.

**Forum on Statewide Environmental Issues**

Members of the Citizens Campaign for the Environment will discuss top environmental issues facing this year's Maryland General Assembly with citizens throughout Maryland. The fourteenth of 16 statewide community forums will take place on Monday, Feb. 12, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Adele Stamp Union Room ASU-1137 on the campus of University of Maryland. Citizens will participate in discussions led by leaders of environmental organizations and learn how they can become involved.

Laurel Imlay of the Sierra Club — Maryland Chapter and Dan Shawhan of MaryPIRG will lead discussions on the key issues such as open bay dumping and dredging, transportation spending and its impact on pollution and sprawl, preserving and investing in existing communities, supporting energy efficiency and renewable energy, water conservation and best management practices for the region's large water utilities; and food safety, reporting of hormone and antibiotic use in Maryland's livestock.

For more information about the issue forum, contact Dan Shawhan at 410-467-0439 or by email at dshawhan@juno.com.

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8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
7:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Explore God's Word  
Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.

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**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**Our Neighbors**

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Peg Rudd who was killed in an auto accident earlier this month. Mrs. Rudd was a teacher at Greenbelt Center School and, after her retirement, was a substitute teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Among persons inducted into Prince George's Community College Foundation as new members for 2001 is Lt. Gen. Emmet Paige, Jr. (Ret.), president of OAO Corporation of Greenbelt and former Asst. Secretary of Defense for the Clinton administration.

Sagan James Stanczak, four years old next month, welcomes brother Henry Blaine, born January 22 (8 lbs., 9 oz.), to 39 Court Ridge Road.

Blaine will also live with parents Doug and Sharon. Doug teaches U.S. history at Potomac

High School, and Sharon is an artist-in-residence at the Greenbelt Community Center as well as Associate Director of Development for the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

Former Greenbelter Kathleen Geiger Garrity and husband Mark Garrity of Annapolis are the proud parents of a daughter. Mary Kate was born January 16, 2001 weighing 7 lb, 5 oz. She joins big brother Gus, 4 1/2.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Assault and Disorderly

8200 block of Canning Terrace, Jan. 12, at 1:48 a.m., a 35-year-old resident of Canning Terrace was arrested for disorderly conduct. Officers responding to a complaint observed the suspect attempting to climb into the window of a residence. When an officer attempted to speak with the man, he began to yell obscenities, causing neighbors to turn on their lights. The man was released on citations pending trial.

At 5:20 p.m. on the same day a 58-year-old man residing at the same Canning Terrace address as the person arrested for disorderly conduct was arrested for assault. The victim of the assault told police that the older man had pointed a handgun at the victim during a verbal altercation. The man was arrested at the scene and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

8100 block of Mandan Terrace, Jan. 17, a 35-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and resisting arrest. Officers responded to a report of a domestic dispute involving a knife. A woman and her husband were involved in an argument when the husband pulled her by the hair and pushed her against a wall. While speaking with officers, the man attempted to assault the woman again and pushed an officer. He was then placed under arrest and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

## Weapon and Assault

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 12, 11:04 p.m., a 16-year-old resident was arrested for possession of a concealed deadly weapon and a 15-year-old resident was arrested for possession of paraphernalia, three counts of assault, and resisting arrest. Officers responded to a report of disorderly youths in a laundry room. Several youths were located in the laundry room. One was found to be in possession of a pellet-type handgun. A second was found hiding behind a washing machine. This subject refused to show his hands and assaulted several officers when they attempted to assist him to his feet. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. Both were released to their parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Drugs

9200 block of Springhill Lane, Jan. 13, 12:02 p.m., an 18-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, and trespassing. While on foot patrol, an officer observed a man loitering in the area of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. The officer recognized the man as having been banned from the property by the management. As the officer approached the man, the officer detected the odor of suspected marijuana. Upon seeing the officer, the man attempted to flee but was apprehended. He was found to be in possession of

a quantity of suspected marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, Jan. 16, 11:45 p.m., a 46-year-old female nonresident was charged with possession of paraphernalia and a 41-year-old male nonresident was charged with theft. An officer observed a parked vehicle with one of the occupants drinking an alcoholic beverage. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Howard County Police Department. The woman was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to smoke crack cocaine. Both were released on citations pending trial.

## Burglary and Theft

Buddy Attack Park, Jan. 12, 1:21 p.m., a purple Tequesta 26-inch mountain bike was stolen.

6200 block of Springhill Drive, Jan. 13, 10:15 p.m., a DVD player, DVDs, and clothing were taken. Entry was gained by forcing open a bedroom window.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, Jan. 13, 10:19 p.m., a laptop computer was taken. Entry was gained by forcing open a bedroom window.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Jan. 16, 1:11 p.m., a laptop computer was taken from a temporary classroom.

7500 block of Hanover Parkway, Jan. 16, 4 p.m., a wallet was taken from an unattended purse in an office suite.

## Vandalism

13 court of Laurel Hill Road, Jan. 18, 8:28 p.m., someone broke out the front door window of a residence.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a white two-door 1990 Acura Legend with Virginia tags YRS 2841, Jan. 16, from the

7800 block of Mandan Road, and a blue four-door Kia Sephia with Maryland tags GFF474, Jan. 18, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace.

A 2000 Honda Civic was stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway on Jan. 13 and recovered by the county police the next day, stripped, in the 1100 block of Cherry Hill Road found.

On Jan. 18, a 1997 Honda was stolen from the 7000 block of Mandan Road; it was recovered by Fairfax County police in Fairfax the same day.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9200 block of Springhill Lane, 6200 block of Springhill Court, 8900 block of Edmonston Road, Greenbelt Metro station, Greenway Shopping Center, and unit block of Empire Place.

## Toll-free Number For Crime Victims

Victims of crimes in Maryland have certain legal rights. Call the victim legal help line at 1-877-VICTIM-1 or 301-952-0063 to learn more about protecting rights and being treated fairly by the criminal justice system.

## Help Blind People

Readers and shoppers are needed to help blind and visually impaired people in Prince George's and Montgomery counties and the District of Columbia.

People who can give one to two hours per week are asked to call Suzanne Jones at Services for the Visually Impaired, 301-589-0894. Monthly training sessions are provided at 8720 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.

## GIVES Members Get, Give Help

Need light bulbs changed or the battery replaced in a smoke alarm? Or welcome some minor repairs or help putting together that bookcase just purchased? Need to be taken shopping for groceries or to pick up that prescription? Looking for something to do? Be a willing participant in assisting the frail, disabled, or elderly remain independent. Whatever the requirements, to get or to give assistance, the Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) may be the answer.

GIVES is a service credit organization for all ages, which means that services rendered earn credits which can be used by the participants when the need arises. Credits are earned by meeting such needs as mentioned above or becoming a friendly visitor for those in adult care or assisted living facilities. Like to play cards or share travel or other experiences? If so, join GIVES and get the satisfaction of brightening the daily existence of someone or lessening stress in a person's life. Need help, join GIVES also.

For more information, or to receive an application, call 301-507-6580 or pay a visit most mornings to the GIVES office in the Senior Lounge in the Greenbelt Community Center. GIVES welcomes those who live anywhere in Greenbelt, from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt East and nearby communities, and cooperates with members of religious or service organizations. And it can always use donations to defray postage or telephone costs.

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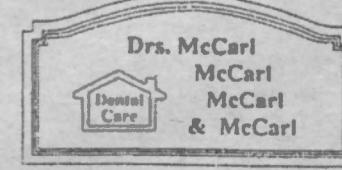
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Friday	8-4
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## GAVA-Pottery Controversy Ends

by Nelda Young and Virginia Beauchamp

With the new winter term, a popular arts program that has operated for five years out of the Greenbelt Community Center has a new director and teacher of ceramics programs. She is Diane Manchak, who will be offering three classes for adults and supervising operations of the pottery studio. With her arrival, a stormy relationship between two arts groups that just before Christmas almost disrupted the program has come to an end.

Manchak replaces Jessica Gitlis, who as artist and teacher began the program in February 1996. Known then as Greenbelt Pottery, the program operated out of two second-floor rooms in the Community Center and used a kiln and wheel purchased by the city.

In summer 1997, the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), a cooperative group organized as a non-profit organization, contracted with the city to provide a "comprehensive arts program," at which time Greenbelt Pottery was subsumed under the larger group. Gitlis and Barbara Simon, director of GAVA, were longtime friends, and the relationship between the two groups seems to have been informal and friendly, although lines of authority and job descriptions seem mostly to have been undefined. Both women were devoted to providing exemplary and innovative programs for Greenbelt residents.

### Merger Problems

According to Gitlis, however, after the merger with GAVA, she was given responsibilities pulling her too much away from her main interest—the pottery work. She found herself spending much of her time doing bookkeeping and administrative work for other GAVA programs beyond her ceramics studio activities and its specific administrative duties. "It was too much," she said.

As manager of the ceramics studio she received financial compensation, but not for other duties she was performing for GAVA. In her opinion, GAVA needed a staff to run the organization, though she was not herself interested in such a job.

During the spring budget hearings for FY 2000, GAVA presented a formal request for \$21,000, about two-thirds assigned to Greenbelt Pottery and the other third to GAVA for program fees. By that time the city had already decided to create the new position of Arts Coordinator within the Recreation Department, an intention that raised a problem for council about authorizing a continuing contract with GAVA. Under the future arts coordinator, the city should be able to administer its own program.

Apparently uncomfortable about its future relationship with GAVA, the city council held a work session in May 1999 to iron out existing ambiguities. Was GAVA a contractor, a contributor group, or an entity functioning independently of the city?

In the following year Greenbelt Pottery became more self-supporting, and GAVA's FY 2001 request was reduced to \$12,600 for classes to run

through the end of the fiscal year. By supplying her own funding, Gitlis hoped for greater independence for her own program.

### Arts Coordinator

In October 1999, Nicole DeWald was hired for the new arts coordinator position but not to oversee the day-to-day operations of the pottery program. By September of the following year, GAVA and the city were in the midst of developing a cooperative agreement.

But in late October Greenbelt Pottery split off from GAVA and Gitlis sought a separate contract with the city to run the ceramics program. She hoped to go back to the original arrangement when she had held a sole proprietorship and full authority over the program, buying materials and contracting with teachers.

In November 2000 the Recreation Department was willing to offer Gitlis a contract to provide ceramics programming but then realized it was bound through August 2001 by a contract to GAVA providing space for the ceramics program. Had she known this earlier, Gitlis says she would have continued under GAVA and then negotiated this spring for the FY 2002 contract.

After Gitlis' break with GAVA, the city faced the problem of how to complete the fall ceramics program, since its arrangement with GAVA to provide a full range of classes in the visual arts was still in place. As it worked out, Gitlis, described by DeWald as "an employee of GAVA," did in fact complete the fall

classes by the last week in November. However, her remuneration, which GAVA had always previously paid in a timely fashion, was held up until the end of December.

Early in December Gitlis took with her materials and equipment that she said she had purchased with her own funds, shocking students in the program who were planning to fire pottery Christmas gifts they had created. However, more experienced students directed the firing process, and the problem was solved.

Resolution of many of the difficulties between the parties in contention were worked out in mid-December through a mediation process, which was set up under the city's Director of Human Resources, Consuelia Harris. On other issues, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, the disputants "agreed to disagree."

Barbara Simon, director of GAVA, declined comment on the history of the split between her organization and Greenbelt Pottery. She would only describe the situation as "internal organizational concerns."



### People Wanted to Be Foster Care Parents

For Love of Children is seeking foster care parents in Prince George's County and the surrounding areas. If interested, contact Paulette Saunders at 202-462-8686.

### Saturday Art Classes for Kids & Teens at the Greenbelt Community Center

#### Painting & Printmaking for Ages 4-8

10-11:00 am, 2/24-3/31 (6 wks)

Greenbelt Res: \$38, NR: \$48

#### Ceramics 1 for Ages 8-10 10-11:00 am

Ceramics 2 for Ages 5-8 11:15-12:15

1/27-3/31 (10 wks) Greenbelt Res: \$75, NR: \$85

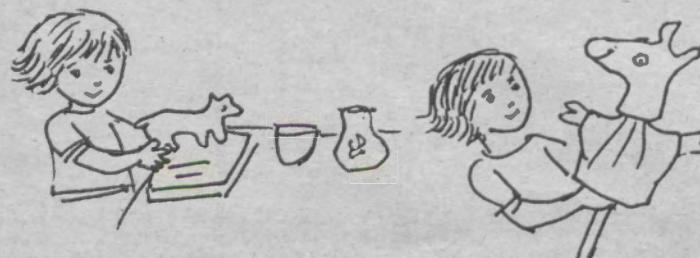
#### Puppetry for Ages 8-10 10-12 noon

2/24-3/31 (6 wks) Greenbelt Res: \$95, NR: \$105

#### Pottery for Ages 11+ 2:30-5:00 pm

1/27-3/31 (10 weeks) Greenbelt Res. \$101, NR:\$111

Classes produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA). Call (301)474-2192 for more information. All GAVA programs are supported by City of Greenbelt, Dept. of Recreation.



### Newborns Protected By Safe Havens Bill

In an effort to reduce the number of newborns abandoned in unsafe conditions each year, a "Safe Havens For Newborns Act" will be introduced into the Maryland Legislature.

The bill will provide immunity from prosecution to parents who leave a newborn at a hospital, firehouse or police station within 72 hours of birth, provided the child has not been abused. The parents would be allowed to remain anonymous, but would be encouraged to provide medical in-

### Free Tax Help Given At Greenbelt Library

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different ownership areas."

Such subdivision would in turn require separation by fire walls – walls of noncombustible materials that would remain standing if construction on either side collapsed under fire conditions. Fire walls would have to extend from the basement to or through the roof – for example, between the theater and the dry cleaning shop and between the stage and Pleasant Touch.

**Violations**

Two areas needing extensive corrections are the bathrooms and the projection room. Because of the present ADA (Americans with Disability Act) requirements, doors on both bathrooms would need to be replaced for wheelchair access. In addition, currently space exists for only one ADA-compliant toilet or urinal in each bathroom. Yet by current code standards of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, a total of three toilets for men and six for women are required as based on the current number of fixed seats in the auditorium.

Various repairs would be required to modernize the projection room – leaks in the roof, broken windows, inadequate vents for the projector. But a major problem is the spiral staircase, currently not code compliant since the stair treads are too narrow. It is the only means of access.

**Safety Issues**

All doors also apparently need repairs or replacement to meet ADA standards. None of the panic hardware works properly and such hardware is missing altogether from the exit door from the stage. The frame for that door also needs caulking. Doors in the auditorium have illegal latches and the front entrance doors are too narrow to meet wheelchair access standards.

In addition, according to modern fire codes, a sprinkler system and an approved fire alarm system must be installed and all paint tested for lead. Sterling recommends that a separate inspection be carried out by a mechanical contractor or engineer to evaluate all mechanical equipment and that an environmental inspection of the property also be done.

But on the positive side, he concludes that "the structural integrity of the building" is "in good condition." He also recognizes the value of preserving historic buildings, which "give our communities their unique character," his report says, and "represent...their architectural legacy."

**IRS Tax Tip  
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**Grant Funds Help  
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Consumer Guidance has established a grant fund to help people who are having financial problems because of high energy costs. This grant program is funded by private donations from corporations and private citizens who receive a tax deduction because of the organization's 501(c)3 nonprofit status.

Consumer Guidance Corporation is an organization established by volunteers to assist people of all ages who need financial help in paying consumer debts, energy bills, prescription drugs and medical care. The primary purpose of the organization is to educate and assist consumers with consumer debt issues.

To obtain a free grant application or more information about other financial help call 202-595-1035 or visit Consumer Guidance's website at [www.ConsumerGuidance.org](http://www.ConsumerGuidance.org).

Corporations or individuals who wish to contribute to Consumer Guidance's Energy Help Grant Program can send tax deductible contributions to Consumer Guidance, P.O. Box 96051, Washington, DC 20090-96051.

**Diabetes Education  
At Doctors Hospital**

The Doctors Community Hospital Diabetes Care Center offers a diabetes education program to all diabetic individuals and their family members.

During the five and one-half hours of instruction, participants will learn the basics of living with diabetes, including monitoring blood sugar, the role of exercise, how to stay healthy, and proper nutrition.

On alternating Thursdays, a one-hour "Nutrition for Diabetes" class is offered for all persons completing the four and one-half hour diabetes course.

After the class, participants will receive individual consultations to help manage diabetes and an opportunity to participate in support groups covering a variety of informative topics.

Classes are held Mondays at 7 p.m. and Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the sixth floor classroom of the Ambulatory Surgery Building, 8118 Goodluck Road. Pre-registration is required. For information, contact Elaine Stone, RN, CDE at 301-552-5134.

**Diana Manchak Will Head  
Reorganized Pottery Classes**

by Barbara Simon

The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) begins a new session of winter classes, including pottery classes, under a new Ceramic Studios Manager, Diana Manchak. Manchak is no stranger to Greenbelt: she lived here as a child and has fond memories of growing up in this family-oriented community. Now, years later, she will be back, organizing the ceramics studio at the Greenbelt Community Center and teaching adult classes.

After a lengthy travel industry career, Manchak returned to a life-long interest in art, choosing clay as her preferred medium. As a clay artist, she brings a considerable degree of creativity, knowledge and experience in various techniques and interests to her new position. Having lived in Africa and traveled the world while in the travel industry, she has been interested in the cultural diversity of art, which has become a strong influence on her work.

Besides acting as studio manager and instructor here, Manchak will teach at Harmony Hall, a fa-

cility of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in southern Prince George's County. She has exhibited her work in various local and traveling exhibitions and some of her pieces are included in private collections in this country and abroad. She has been active as well in a variety of art and clay related groups, and is currently president of the Clay Connection, a metropolitan-area organization that promotes clay education and information. The group sponsors an annual "Empty Bowls" event, which has raised thousands of dollars each year for charitable groups.

The ceramics facility at the Greenbelt Community Center is a growing enterprise. GAVA has added some new equipment, and an air filtration system was recently installed. A pottery guild will again offer students' work for sale in upcoming months in conjunction with events in the building.

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Senior citizens, caregivers, and relatives of older family members are encouraged to learn about the symptoms, treatment and prevention of hypothermia.

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## School Board to Hold Budget Open Session

The Prince George's Board of Education will hold an open session on the superintendent's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2002 on February 1 at 6 p.m. at the Sasser Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. The format will be a half-hour presentation by the administration, an hour and one-half question and answer period for all registered speakers and another hour and one-half for comments by the board.

Superintendent Dr. Iris T. Metts has proposed an operating budget of \$1.1 billion, a \$155 million or 16.5 percent increase over the current year's budget. The proposal must be approved by the school board before it is sent to the County Executive for approval.

Persons wishing to participate must register by 4 p.m. on February 1 by calling the office of the board at 301-952-6116. Registered persons will be allowed one minute to either comment or ask a question.

## Urban Cartoonist Lewis Exhibits

Visit an "Urban Cartoonist: A Roger K. Lewis Retrospective" at the Parents Association Gallery in the Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland through February 2. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Lewis will give a gallery talk on Friday, February 2 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. A reception for the artist will follow. For more information, call 301-314-8493.

## PARK SERVICE

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friends agreements with private groups and with governments or government agencies, he said.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin reported that Superintendent John Hale of National Capital Parks-East said that a friends agreement provides tangible evidence of a supportive group, which gives projects more credibility.

Andrew Quinn, legislative assistant to U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer, said that one hindrance in past efforts to get congressional funding for this tract is the lack of a local partner. In seeking funds for another purchase, the fact that local governments and other government agencies were putting up half the funds strengthened Hoyer's hand. Conversely, going to Congress without a local match is a problem. In addition, Hoyer has other land acquisition requests he is pursuing, and he cannot request double or triple what other members are getting.

While stating that he supported the idea of the city partnering with others to try to purchase the Jaeger Tract, Councilmember Alan Turnbull noted that council must be prepared to answer citizens who ask why city funds should be spent on property that will not belong to the city. He asked Hawley if the trust had any similar experiences.

Hawley replied that they are often asked why people should donate funds to give land to the government. Her response is that

this is the only way that the land will be protected. Mayor Judith Davis noted that Greenbelt Park is already within the city limits and that the city could annex this land. However, she noted that there are other properties within the city limits that "need to be purchased."

Councilmember Edward Putens was suspicious. He worried that if the city, the trust, and others succeeded in purchasing the land and donating it to the park service, the federal government could sell it. He asked for, and got, confirmation that the federal government cannot be restricted by easements or covenants. Hawley noted that when the park service allowed recreational vehicles onto prime panther habitat that the trust had donated to the park service, the trust threatened to sue. Although the trust could not bind the federal government, Hawley argued that "Right here, right now," this is the "fastest, easiest, best protection" for the land.

Turnbull, a National Park Service employee himself, said that if the Interior Department wanted to sell the land, it would have to follow very elaborate procedures, in which the city would have the opportunity to acquire the land, typically at no cost.

### Next Steps

Council, Hawley and Cunningham were all very interested in moving forward. McLaughlin was directed to contact the person who oversees all friends agreements. Cunningham agreed to send a letter the next day to the trust indicating that the park service considers the land a priority and needs the

trust's help. He will also look into obtaining an appraisal for the property.

One question is whether the property owner is willing to sell. Robert Crecco, president of the Westchester Park Civic Association, reported his conversation with the property owner, in which the owner indicated a willingness to sell the land, but only if it could be done quickly and if he got the price he wanted. City officials had not yet contacted the owner about a possible purchase.

A development proposal for one of the undeveloped tracts on the Jaeger property is currently under county review. County

Councilmember Audrey Scott said that the review process is likely to take 9 to 18 months. If the city is to form a friends group to work with the trust to get the land, it must move quickly, she indicated, as this process will also take time. In addition, Scott said, the farther the owner gets into the approval process, the more he will have invested. Hawley agreed. Every day of delay adds to the price, she said.

Davis asked how much "seed money" the trust would need to move forward. Hawley said that the amount would depend upon the appraisal.

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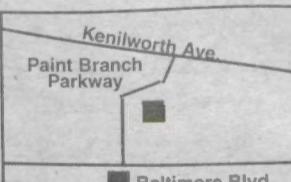
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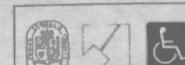
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